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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 - 12th Street, S.W. Room TW-A325 Washington, D.C. 20554.

> Re: CC Docket No. 96-45

> > FCC Rules §54.314 - USF Affidavit

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On behalf of Yorkville Telephone Cooperative, Inc., a rural incumbent local exchange carrier, there is submitted herewith the carrier's annual affidavit filed pursuant to 47 U.S.C. §54.314(b), in support of its eligibility to receive federal support during the first, second, third, and fourth quarters of next year.

Should any questions arise concerning this matter, please communicate directly with the undersigned.

Very truly yours,

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c: Universal Service Administrative Company (w/enclosure)

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CC Docket No. 96-45 Section 254(e), 47 C.F.R. § 54.314 Certification of YORKVILLE TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, INC. P.O. Box 8, Yorkville, Tennessee 38389

AFFIDAVIT

I, Paul Bennett, President of Yorkville Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (the "Cooperative") do hereby certify under penalties of perjury that:

- 1. I am the President of the Cooperative;
- 2. The Cooperative is not subject to the jurisdiction of the state of Tennessee where local exchange service is provided by the Cooperative;
- 3. The Cooperative is a "rural telephone company" as defined in 47 U.S.C. §153(37);
- 4. The Cooperative is eligible for disbursements from the federal Universal Service Fund ("USF") as prescribed by the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC"); and
- 5. The Cooperative will utilize all federal high-cost USF support received in 2003 only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended.

Signature: _______ Date: September 27, 2002

Print Name: Paul Bennett Title: President

State of Tennessee County of Gibson

BEFORE ME, the undersigned Notary in and for the State of Tennessee, on this day personally appeared Paul Bennett, known to me to be the Declarant, who, being duly sworn, executed the foregoing instrument.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 27th day of September, 2002.

My Commission expires : May 13, 2003

(seal)

Notary Public

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